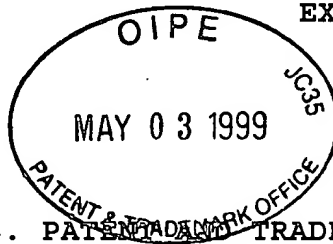


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Re: SEQUENCE-BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS OF NEOPLASTIC TISSUE
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 3, 1999
(Monday)

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 1, 1999,
Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for prognostication of the
development of neoplasia and obtaining guidance for treatment in a
patient having a neoplasia comprising:

a) determining [the DNA] a nucleotide sequence [for a gene
encoding] of the complete coding region of a cancer-related p53
protein from genomic DNA or cDNA derived from a human neoplastic
tissue or body fluid;